

## House Resolution No. 3779

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

**Whereas**, Karen Sue Swafford, an esteemed resident of Rayville, Missouri, will officially retire from the Maple Valley State School for the Handicapped on June 16, 2005, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible twenty-six years; and

**Whereas**, Karen Swafford has played an integral role in the educational development of several Missouri youngsters as a teacher's aide at the Maple Valley State School for the Handicapped for the past twenty-six years, during which time she has greatly enjoyed taking students shopping, swimming, and to workshops; and

**Whereas**, Karen Swafford is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such professional organizations as the Ray County Board of Services, Rayville Union Christian Church, and Ideal Industries, Inc., of which she is a co-founder; and

**Whereas**, Karen Swafford looks forward to her retirement so that she can spend more quality time in the company of her wonderful family which includes her devoted husband of forty-six years, Carl; her two children, Carla Young and Kent Swafford; her three grandchildren, Jill, Caleb, and Ben; and her two great-grandchildren, Cali and Lane; and

**Whereas**, Karen Swafford will be honored during a special retirement celebration to be held at Rayville Christian Union Church on June 17, 2005:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Karen Swafford for her twenty-six years of unparalleled service to the Maple Valley State School for the Handicapped and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karen Sue Swafford.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bob Nance  
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3779, adopted June 16, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker